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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 21 Oct 93 08:18:46 CST
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!moe.ksu.ksu.edu!engr.uark.edu!news.ualr.edu!athena.ualr.edu!
gdmauldin@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: "Vanity" Call Signs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9310210324.AA08266@tecnet1.jcte.jcs.mil>,
jdelancy@tecnet1.jcte.jcs.mil writes:
> Did anyone pick up on the fact that the House and Senate
> approved legislation that authorized the FCC to issue

> "unique" ham call signs at a cost of seven bucks per
> year to the ham radio community? Apparently it was contained
> in the Presidential budget plan and even caught the Commission
> off guard..
>
> ARRL, want to comment on this?

It's interesting that in the pop vernacular a specific callsign becomes a "vanity" callsign.

I am glad to hear that the FCC can at last issue unique callsigns. I sure am tired of sharing mine with all those other guys.

73,
Doug K5DH

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 18:11:46 GMT
From: pacbell.com!att-out!cbnewsh!cbnewse!parnass@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Advice for 2m all-mode?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

svh@verdex.com (Steven Hovater) asked:

- > Would anyone care to advise on a 2m all-mode radio?
- > What's your favorite? Which ones to stay away from?

I've had the 100 watt Icom IC-275H FM/SSB/CW 2m transceiver for a few years and like it. Use it mostly for FM and a little SSB. It's sort of the "Lincoln Town Car" of 2m FM base transceivers -- lots of power, hot receiver, no intermod within the 144-148 MHz range, and 99 memories.

The only drawbacks I found are:

- 1) would like better image rejection when listening outside the 144-148 ham band (rcvr covers 138-174 MHz).
- 2) in the memory scan mode, the radio sometimes stops on the wrong channel, e.g., one channel higher.
- 3) in the memory scan mode, there's no way to setup the scan resume when the signal drops. Instead, it resumes after a couple of seconds regardless of whether the signal has ceased or is still there.

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Date: 21 Oct 1993 12:43:23 -0500
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!geraldo.cc.utexas.edu!emx.cc.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: amatchuers
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

isoper@matrix.cs.wright.edu says:

>>the news groups could stand to have a new group form maybe.....

>>radio.amatuer.misc.sex
>>radio.amatuer.not_one.sex
>>radio.amatuer.whatever.sex

Wow - I used not to be able to spell amatcha and now I are one!

>>This would make a browse easier for those of us who could careless about
>>this raging debate that never seems to end.

I think you mean "could not care less".

At least the LARC representatives can spell, and write in English. They are not the ones who started this thread and they did not respond until the discussion had been going on a long time. In my opinion, they come out of this looking much better than those who so strongly resent their existence.

Do you realize that 5-10% of the QSOs in your log book were probably with -gasp- homoseckshewels? There might even be some black people in there, maybe some QCWA members, perhaps an atheist or two, not to mention all the cannibals. Oooo, mummy!!

Off to read amacha.bigots -

Derek "spell-checker" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)
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Date: 21 Oct 93 13:00:41 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: ARRL Bulletin 88
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The following is a quote from W1AW Bulletin 88 (ARL088) from
AUGUST 10, 1993:

"Amateurs also moved a step closer to being able to obtain specific
call signs. This budget bill includes an ARRL-endorsed provision for
the FCC to charge a special processing fee for "Amateur vanity call
signs."

This relates to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (H.R. 2264),
items shepherded through Washington by the ARRL's capitol team.

73, Glenn KB1GW ARRL/VEC
STANDARD DISCLAIMER. I DO NOT SPEAK FOR THE ARRL, ITS BOARD, OR MEMBERS.
JUST THOUGHT I'D PASS THIS TIDBIT OF INFORMATION ALONG TO QUELL THE FLACK.

Date: 22 Oct 93 01:03:59 GMT
From: munnari.oz.au!metro!news.ci.com.au!eram!dave@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Bird watt-meters can't be exported?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

So, what's with the "Not available for export" notation across the
photo of the Bird meter in the Barry ads? Too delicate? Upsets
someone's monopoly? Munitions? Classified equipment?

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Dave Horsfall (VK2KFU) VK2KFU @ VK2RWI.NSW.AUS.OC PGP 2.3
dave@esi.COM.AU ...munari!esi.COM.AU!dave available

Date: 22 Oct 93 11:18:42 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: breaking in
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

British practice is normally to give your call, followed by 'safety' or
'emergency'.
Most sane people hearing these words will cease their traffic and stand by.

-Peter J.M. Lucas NERC Computer Services Swindon England

pjml@swmis.nsw.ac.uk pjml@uk.ac.nsw.swmis g6wbj@gb7sdn.gbr.eu

Date: 22 Oct 93 03:34:25 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!spool.mu.edu!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.columbia.edu!
bonjour.cc.columbia.edu!hyx1@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Comments on TR-751A by Kenwood?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm planning on ordering this 2M rig tomorrow
mainly because it's the most affordable all mode
that has PL with an optional unit.
(You need PL tone in NYC.)

I would like to hear comments on the unit from users.
Thanks for sharing your experience.
73,
Harry/AA2N0
hyx1@columbia.edu

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 12:52:24 -0700
From: orca.es.com!cnn.sim.es.com!msanders.sim.es.com!user@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Delta's policy on personal electronics
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <931021081059.b5aa@GMS>, RGS%gms@gfimda.UUCP (Robert G.
Schaffrath) wrote:

> mike.linnig@dseg.ti.com recently wrote:
>
> >Folks,
> >
>
> (stuff deleted)
>
> >| You may use personal electronics such as personal computers and CD players
> >| on board. However, during the taxi, takeoff, initial climb, approach and
> >| landing phases, you'll be asked to switch these devices off. Once the
> >| "fasten seat belt" sign has been turned off and/or the flight crew has made
> >| the appropriate announcement you may resume use. Other items that fall under
> >| these guidelines include:
> >|
> >| personal computer games, VHF scanner receivers, digital audiotape and
> >| cassette tape player/recorders, video recorders/playback systems or
 calculators.

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> Either I
> can't use a VHF scanner receiver, calculator and cassette tape player or I can
> use all three!

>
Bob: This article is mentioning items which can be used, and the
circumstances under which they can be used. It does not list any
prohibited items. The newsletter on the plane (Delta something or other)
lists the prohibited items that cannot be used on the plane. I tore out
that page on my last flight. Two items that come to mind are cellular
phones and VHF transceivers.

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Opinions, thoughts, &cetera are my own (when I can remember them).

"He flies the sky
Like an Eagle in the eye
of a hurricane that's abandoned."

America

KB7MSF
Amateur Radio
"Sandman"
Utah

Date: 21 Oct 1993 11:55:44 -0400
From: digex.net!digex.net!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: GAYS,BARFS, AND OTHER BS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Note the word is AMATEUR, not amatuer.

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John Cormack, N3PZY ** Since this is not my employer's account **
Cormackj@access.digex.net ** No disclaimer is necessary **

Date: 21 Oct 1993 15:52:09 GMT
From: olivea!korie!newscast.West.Sun.COM!news2me.EBay.Sun.COM!
cronkite.Central.Sun.COM!webbrider!doc@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: ICOM IC-micro2AT (Sorry my typewriter won't make the "micro" symbol :)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm looking at the above model for a possible buy (used). I would
be very interested in hearing feedback from anyone who has used
it and can relate plusses/minusses to me.

Thanks much,

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-- Steve Bunis, Sun Microsystems ***DoD #0795*** 93-ST1100
-- Itasca, IL ***AMA #682049***
-- ***HRCA #HM125617**
-- Tech+ Callsign in FCC's hands (watching the mail daily)

Date: 22 Oct 93 03:33:52 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: SAREX Operations 10/21/93 Correction
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB SAREX @ AMSAT \$STS-58.011
SAREX Operations 10/21/93 Correction

Sorry, in my SAREX operations update I accidentally transposed Shuttle Pilot Rick Searfoss's Call sign twice! His callsign is KC5CKM.

Submitted by Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO

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Date: 22 Oct 93 07:36:45 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!
vassili@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: SSB intruders on HF
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Jeff Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote:

: I'm sorry you folks have to encounter this - I think the North American
: hams don't realize the serious nature of this. I study Vietnamese language
: and culture and I've learned that pretty much anything goes in South East
: Asia - the governments are rather corrupt, and have their hands full just

I've posted a message a week ago about some malicious interference from
some transmitter without identification on local (LI) 144MHz repeaters.
I guess this is a North America - and FCC should listen a little.
BUT I've got not a SINGLE reply - nor in conference - nor in mail.
So - I assume this is kind of *tabu* to talk about here...

Vassili, N2WID

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 16:48:48 GMT
From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <5JaoBc1w165w@micromed.com>, <2a51lq\$ai9@crcnis1.unl.edu>,
<2a660b\$97g@reznor.larc.nasa.gov>tcom
Subject : Re: GAY & QST

What follows is the text of email received from David Sumner K1ZZ, the Executive Vice-President of the ARRL, in response to my challenge for the ARRL to make some official statement regarding the dispute between themselves and LARC. The following is posted with the author's permission. I will reserve my own comments for a later post, so that Mr. Sumner's statment may stand on its own.

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>Dear Greg:
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>Ed Hare has passed along a recent message from you concerning
>Lambda ARC and ARRL.
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>I have not been following any of the discussion, so I cannot
>comment on anything that might have been said by others.
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>The situation is this. In early April 1992, in plenty of time
>for the ad to appear in June 1992 QST, I advised LARC president
>Jim Kelly that the ad as most recently submitted was acceptable
>for QST. That it did not appear in that issue, nor in any
>subsequent issue, is entirely his choice.
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>73,
>David Sumner, K1ZZ
>Executive Vice President, ARRL

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 15:24:42 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!
hobbes.physics.uiowa.edu!moe.ksu.ksu.edu!osuunx.ucc.okstate.edu!
datacomm.ucc.okstate.edu!martin@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <randall.750895570@infmx>, <19930ct19.165005.5303@webo.dg.com>,
<2a49dq\$r35@ornews.intel.com>sic

Subject : Re: converting ssb cb to 10 meter

I have a Browning LTD which I converted just recently to 10. After determining which crystal in the mixer to replace, I bought one and soldered it in. The only problem I had is that the new crystal which is in a varactor circuit won't rubber around nearly as much as the old one did. It is also about 5KHZ high above its design frequency which tells me that the circuit needs a bit of modification. What I want to do is to get the varactor circuit to pull the crystal at least 10KHZ so as to fill in the gaps which were originally part of the CB channel scheme but which are not necessary on ten meters.

Except for the varactor problem, it looks like it works fine. All I had to do was turn all the RF stage slugs out a bit to peak them up for the new range of 28.3-28.525 or so that I had decided to use.

For those not familiar with the Browning LTD, it is a 23-channel transceiver which looks like it must have come out in the early 70's. I hear, also, that it cost big bucks when it was new. Changing the crystal greatly reduced the amount of man-made noise which could be heard on the receiver and seemed to raise the general IQ of the level of conversations which were picked up.

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O.S.U. Computer Center Data Communications Group

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